



Michigan Department of Education

Assessment & Accountability Announcements - Week of January 7, 2014

There are **FOUR IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS** below regarding: **1)** Spring 2014 MME, WIDA and MI-Access Assessment Pre-Identification of Students and Initial Material Orders **Window EXTENDED UNTIL, JANUARY, 14TH**; **2)** WIDA ACCESS for ELLs Online Field Test Opportunity; **3)** Spring 2014 Interim Assessment Pilot Registration; and, **4)** MI-Access FI Social Studies Pilot – Registration Still Open.

1) Due to recent School Closings, the Spring 2014 MME, WIDA and MI-Access Assessment Pre-Identification of Students and Initial Material Orders Window has been Extended until Tuesday, January 14th

To ensure all student records are correct and that you will receive pre-printed barcode labels for the administration of the Spring 2014 Michigan Merit Examination (MME) and WIDA ACCESS for ELLs, the Secure Site has been populated with pre-identified student records using the following criteria:

MME: Students are pre-identified based on enrollment in grade 11 (or based on enrollment in grade 12 without a prior valid MME score).

WIDA ACCESS for ELLs: Students will be pre-identified based on being identified as “LEP Eligible” in fall 2013 MSDS, or identified as “Historical LEP” (students not exited for proficiency but also not re-reported as LEP Eligible).

Administrators must review, and update if necessary, each student’s tier designation. Students needing to take the WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs must review the WIDA Pre-ID, Tier, and IMO Information document found at: www.michigan.gov/wida.

Please note:

- Testing materials must be ordered for the all spring assessments via the secure site.* If you do not submit an order, you will not receive testing materials.
- The Pre-ID Student Report for WIDA ACCESS for ELLs displays tier information for each student.
- Students pre-ID by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 for MME, WIDA ACCESS for ELLs, and MI-Access will receive pre-printed barcode labels.
- Schools will still need to pre-ID and then print barcode labels locally from the Secure Site for MME and MI-Access students that are not pre-ID by Tuesday, January 14, 2014.
- Students who are not pre-ID by Tuesday, January 14, 2014 **for both WIDA ACCESS for ELLs and WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs ONLY**, will need to have their demographic information bubbled in on the test by the administrator.
- **MI-Access:** For grade 11 students who will take the MI-Access spring assessment, districts will need to log into the Secure Site (www.michigan.gov/baa-secure) and move these students from the MME Spring 2014 test cycle to the MI-Access Spring 2014 test cycle.

Initial Material Orders (IMOs)

IMOs for MME, WIDA, and the high school MI-Access assessments can be placed now through **Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.**

*NOTE about WIDA - IMOs for WIDA only need to be placed for students that need Enlarged Print or Braille. All other orders for WIDA ACCESS for ELLs and WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs will be placed automatically based on Pre-ID information. Once the Pre-ID window closes on Tuesday, January 14, 2014, all orders will need to be placed directly with MetriTech (WIDA's material vendor) once initial materials are received in the districts the week of February 3rd. MetriTech's phone number is 1-800-747-4868.

Instructions for completing any of the pre-identification processes and/or entering Initial Material Orders can be found in the *Secure Site Procedure and User Manual* accessed at:
<http://qa.mdoe.state.mi.us/BAASecure/pdfs/SecureSiteUserManual.pdf>.

2) WIDA ACCESS for ELLs Online Field Test Opportunity

The ACCESS for ELLs is field testing reading items in an online format this spring. Districts participating in this opportunity may use this to qualify for the Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant. Interested districts may go to <http://assets.wceruw.org/implementation/fieldtest.aspx#faq> for more information on the field test. Interested districts should contact Jennifer Paul at paulj@michigan.gov for more information or to confirm their participation.

3) Spring 2014 Interim Assessment Pilot Registration

Schools are invited to register to participate in the Spring 2014 Interim Assessment Pilot. Districts may have several schools participate but each school must register with a separate application. Interim assessments will be piloted in the content areas of English language arts (ELA) and mathematics for grades K, 1, and 2, and science and social studies for grades 3 through high school.

The ELA and mathematics interim assessments for grades K, 1, and 2 are aligned to the Common Core State Standards. The science and social studies interim assessments are aligned to Michigan's current Grade Level Content Expectations (GLCEs) and High School Content Expectations (HSCEs).

Participation in this State of Michigan authorized pilot test opportunity counts toward satisfying district participation requirement #4 of the 22i Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant (TRIG).

To participate in the Spring 2014 Interim Assessment Pilot, please complete the registration survey at <http://tinyurl.com/s14-ia-pilot>.

Additional important information:

- The registration deadline is Friday, January 31, 2014.
- The test window is March 24, 2014 through May 23, 2014. Schools may administer the pilot assessments any time within this nine-week test window.
- As with all assessment pilots, test results will not be provided.

More information about the Michigan Interim Assessments may be found at <http://www.michigan.gov/interimassessments>.

4) MI-Access FI Social Studies Pilot – Registration Still Open!

The registration for the Spring 2014 MI-Access Functional Independence Social Studies Pilot Test is currently open through mid-January. This pilot is open to any student who is assessed using MI-Access Functional Independence in any subject area in grades 5, 8 and 11. LEAs that are participating in the 22i Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant (TRIG), may also use this testing event toward the participation requirements for that program.

The pilot test is based on the EGCLEs/EHSCEs released last year in Social Studies, and found on the MI-Access web site. Your participation is encouraged, as we are looking to collect information and feedback from staff and students in order to move forward with a quality assessment for Social Studies in the Spring of 2015. To register, please complete a quick survey asking for your district information and numbers of students at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MI-Access_FI_SS_District_Registration.

Have Other Questions?

For assessment questions, please email BAA@michigan.gov.

For accountability questions, please email MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov.

For phone assistance with assessment or accountability issues, call 877-560-8378 and select the appropriate menu option.